



Course Description

AWR-326 Tornado Awareness

Description:

This course is designed to provide emergency managers, first responders, and community members across all sectors with a basic understanding of the latest knowledge in tornado science, forecasting, warning, and preparedness. This course will prepare participants to understand the basics of tornado science, the weather forecasting process, the tornado warning process, and the fundamentals of tornado safety and preparedness.

Since tornadoes can strike anywhere in the United States, it is important that every community be ready for the hazards associated with them. This awareness-level course will fulfill the goals of the “whole community” approach to emergency management by reaching a broad sector of the community. Multiple core capabilities will be addressed, with particular emphasis on “public information and warning” and “threats and hazard identification.” Participants who represent sectors such as mass care services, health and social services, operational communications, critical transportation, and planning would further expand the discussions in this course to other corresponding core capabilities.

Objectives:

This course will enable participants to:

- Understand the current state of tornado science
- Describe the weather forecast process and appreciate its complexities while making decisions in the face of tornado hazards
- Understand the tornado warning process and associated definitions
- Review procedures to maximize the safety of themselves, their families and their organizations during a tornado

Prerequisites:

You must be a US Citizen to take this course. If you are not please let us know by email for further instruction at OEM.TRAINING@DHSES.NY.GOV

All participants must have a FEMA Student Identification (FEMA SID) number. Students can search for their existing/create a new FEMA SID at: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/>.

Length: 8 Hours

Target Audience:

- Emergency Management
- Government Administrative
- Emergency Medical Services
- Planners/Developers
- Fire Services
- Private Sector
- Public Utilities/Public Health
- Citizen/Community Volunteer
- Law Enforcement
- Non-Government Organizations

Cost:

There is no fee for the course. Other cost considerations are detailed in each LMS course offering.

Signup Details:

Register through the New York State DHSES Learning Management System. Access the LMS through the link on the calendar webpage.